

# Tempe PRE

## NEWSLETTER

Tempe PRE is a program of the City of Tempe, in partnership with the Tempe Elementary and Kyrene school districts.

We are here to help you navigate the Tempe PRE program. Please contact us for assistance 480-858-7735 Pre-k@tempe.gov

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## \*Happy New Year\*

Thanks to all our families who helped us celebrate the year at our Winter Celebration in December. We had over 100 children in attendance with lots of hands-on activities, yummy snacks and even a special visit from Frozen characters Elsa and Anna! We appreciate all of you for taking the time to gather together and celebrate as a Tempe PRE family. We are looking forward to 2020 as your children continue to grow and develop and become the best learners and happiest citizens of our community 😊



## Planning for Kindergarten

It's not too early to start planning for your 4-year-old child's Kindergarten year and we want to help you to make the transition successful.

### For families in Tempe Elementary District:

If your child turns 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2020, he or she is eligible to start kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Tempe Elementary School District also welcomes 4 year olds turning 5 years old between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020 if they pass a FREE, one-hour readiness screening, AND they enroll and start school within the first week of the school year. Four year olds may not start school after the first week of the school year. Children turning 5 Jan. 1, 2021 or after are NOT eligible for kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year.

You can call the District Office at 480-730-7100 to schedule a tour at any kindergarten programs. Enroll your child for the 2020-2021 school year starting January 16, 2020.

### For families in the Kyrene School District:

Registration for next year's kindergartners will begin January 8. Children must be 5 years old before Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

Children who turn 5 between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 may apply for an age exception to enter kindergarten early. Early entrance will be approved for students who demonstrate exceptional social and emotional maturity, and whose learning needs are advanced. For more information, contact the District main office at 480-541-1000.



## Tempe PRE 2020-2021

Please DO NOT reapply on the website if your child is currently attending Tempe PRE.

Parents of age eligible children attending Tempe PRE for one more year will be asked to complete an "Intent to return" form in January. You can choose to stay in the same school or switch sites.

If your child is going to be tested for Kindergarten, we will save their spot until you get the results.

It is important for you to let us know if you are not planning to attend the next school year. This will allow us to open the spot to a new child.

Financial assistance will be available for children returning to Tempe PRE, only if they are still living in the City of Tempe.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL ON A WEEKLY BASIS, BECAUSE WE ARE CONSTANTLY SENDING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TEMPE PRE



## Teacher Spotlight

**Meet Lisa Sordia, Tempe PRE Preschool Teacher at Wood Elementary**

**Education: B.A. From Park University in Social Psychology-Human Development, Masters in Infant Family Practice-Infant Mental Health, Masters in Early Childhood Education.**

- ❖ **My favorite activity in the classroom is small group time! I love small group time because I can really help expand the children's thinking and get better conversations out of them. These kids are so smart and have a lot to say! I love capturing those moments and sharing them with their parents.**
- ❖ **What I wish more parents knew: I am a mother myself and I look at their kids the same way I look at my own children! I want them to know that I am just their partner in their child's learning process and that they are the true teachers to their kids.**
- ❖ **What I hope you will do at home: I hope that parents will take the time to ask their children how their day was, what they did, who they played with, and something that they learned. Conversations are important!!!!**
- ❖ **This always makes me smile in class: Watching the children help one another and making sure that everyone is ok. When a child is sad, I love that they all take it upon themselves to make sure that their friends are loved! I love that they truly care about one another.**

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